

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, a replacement abstract has been presented in order to comply with the requirements set forth in MPEP 608.01(b). No amendments have been made to the claims. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ADVISORY ACTION MAILED AUGUST 4, 2005

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 26, 2005. The Advisory Action includes the acknowledged Form PTO-1449 of the IDS. However, item 11 in the Advisory Action indicates "The Information Disclosure Statement submitted after the Final Rejection appears to have references that could be used to reject the amended claims. This would require additional investigation by the Examiner to determine if the newly submitted references meets all the limitations of the claimed invention." This indication in the Advisory Action is confusing since the Advisory Action included an acknowledged Form PTO-1449 indicating that the references were considered by the Examiner on July 29, 2005, but the indication in the Advisory Action indicates that the references were not considered in view of the claims.

Moreover, the Advisory Action does not address the arguments and claim amendments in the Amendment After Final with respect to the prior art rejections. More specifically, the Advisory Action does not clearly indicate how the claims as amended in the Amendment After Final would be rejected as required in Item 7 of the Advisory Action.

Therefore, an RCE was filed herewith. The RCE was filed so that the Examiner can, in the next action, indicate the status of the claims with respect to the prior art rejections, and clearly indicate that the references in the IDS filed April 26, 2005, were considered in view of the claims.

Due to the above-described deficiencies in the Advisory Action, it is respectfully submitted that any first action in the accompanying RCE should NOT be made final.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application. This Amendment improves the form of the Specification.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

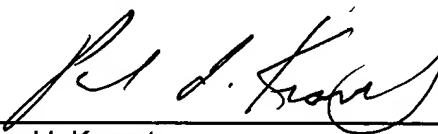
Respectfully submitted,

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